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DOD SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2005**

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE)

Authorities

- USACE conducts its emergency response activities under two basic authorities:
 - The Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies Act (P.L. 84-99).
 - The Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 93-288).
 - Total amount of FEMA mission assignments: \$3,178,185,000.

Command and Control

- Commander, USACE is Lieutenant General Strock in Washington, D.C.
- USACE Task Force Commander is Major General Don Riley in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- Mississippi Valley Division (MVD) Commander is Brigadier General Crear in Vicksburg, Mississippi. His area of operations covers the States of Louisiana and Mississippi.
- South Atlantic Division Commander is Brigadier General Walsh in Atlanta, Georgia. His area of operations covers the States of Alabama and Florida.

Operational Highlights

- 2,800 USACE personnel are supporting relief operations.
 - The water levels in Lake Ponchartrain dropped enough to begin the removal of the sheet piling from both 17th Street and London Avenue canals.
 - Orleans Parish: Continued to repair the overtopped breach sites along the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal (IHNC).
 - East Orleans: Continued unwatering from the Six Flags area and adjacent residential sub-division.
 - St. Bernard Parish: Dutch and German teams established positions near Pump Station 5 and will begin pumping this morning. Pump Stations 1 and 6 continue there operation to remove water from Chalmette and the Ninth Ward. Significant drop in water levels are reported.
 - Plaquemines Parish: Continuing to work with the parish to reinforce portions of the levee system and conduct maintenance on the pumping stations.
 - Liaison officer and power team arrived in Calcasieu Parish to assist in recovery efforts there.
 - Actions for next 24 hours: Repairing the overtopped levees on the IHNC and unwatering the Ninth Ward remain Task Force Unwater's top priority. Meeting with the New Orleans Sewer and Water Board produced a list of tasks USACE is prepared to assist with: restoring pump station #5 and the main sewage treatment plant are two major efforts. Scheduled to brief the New Orleans City Council later today.
- Water and Ice:
 - Total water received to date 87,159, 000 liters of water and 169,440,000 lbs of ice.

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- Total water and ice in storage: 18,156,000 liters and 64,480,000 lbs of ice.
 - There are sufficient quantities of both commodities for affected areas.
- Debris:
 - Tonnage of debris removed and projected total: 4,257,720 CY removed of an estimated 78.2 million cubic yards. The USACE portion of the debris removal project is ~24.5 million CY. Remainder of debris to be removed by counties and parishes.
- Roofing:
 - Total temp roofs completed and projected: 15,342 installed, 9,354 completed (accepted by USACE inspectors), 63,046 projected total roofs required.
 - Initial estimate of temporary roofs due to Hurricane Rita damage in Southwest LA is ~30,000.
- Power: 18 Prime Power soldiers working in the area.
 - Last 24 hours: Began installation of generators due to Hurricane Rita damage. Six generators leaving this morning for installation.
 - Have completed 892 assessments and 247 generator installs to date.
 - 164 generators have been de-installed.
 - Next 24 hours: Will continue to install generators as assigned.
- Navigation:
 - Mississippi River: Coast Guard lifted all restrictions on the lower MS River.
 - Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. Open from Texas to Florida via Baptiste Collette, but closed to westbound traffic West of Wax Lake near Morgan City, LA.
 - Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) is now open.
- Housing:
 - Corps Housing Planning and Response Team (PRT) is supporting FEMA's Housing Area Command (HAC).
 - 150 travel trailers of 293 installations complete and ready for move in.
 - 466 trailers of 600 have been hauled and placed in staging areas.
 - USACE awarded contract to provide modular buildings for St. Bernard Parish Hospital.